

## FAITH FELLOWSHIP CHURCH OF TENNESSEE, ILLINOIS

December 8, 2019

Welcome to Our Worship Service!

DAVE SCOTT/PASTOR

JEANNETTE WICKERT/ORGAN ... WANDA BARTLETT/PIANO

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### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS / PASTOR DAVE

#### • CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER / SEE BACK OF BULLETIN

261 - Away in a Manger

281 - What Child is This

#### • PRAYER TIME / GERALD WHITE

249 - O Come All Ye Faithful

#### • WORSHIP IN GIVING / DOXOLOGY

*(Children are dismissed for junior church after doxology.)*

#### • CHOIR - *Who Is He in Yonder Stall?*

MESSAGE - "ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS, PART 1"

270 - Joy to the World

419 - Family of God

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Please note that there is a basket on the small table in the vestibule for our church family to exchange Christmas cards.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 8:

- **EVENING SERVICE:** "Our God Reigns"—Daniel 1
- **SATURDAY:** Christmas choir practice @ 9 am.
- **THURSDAY:** Board meeting @ 7 pm. Next board meeting will be January 9. Board minutes and financial reports available in the report holder.
- **NEXT SUNDAY:** Caroling and basket distribution at 3 pm. At 4 pm everyone is invited to a cookie & cocoa fellowship at the church. Please bring a plate of cookies to share. No evening service.
- Ladies Bible Study will not meet in December.
- **DECEMBER 22:** Candlelight & Carols. Soup and finger food potluck at 5 pm with the service to follow at 6 pm. Soup will be provided. Please bring a finger food to share.
- **DECEMBER 24:** Christmas Eve open house at Steve and Janet Sowers's house from 4-6 pm. Please join us for chili and hot chocolate as you reunite with old friends and make new ones.

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### **FOR NEEDS OR PRAYER REQUESTS, PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR DAVE OR ONE OF OUR**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Pastor Dave - (309) 776-3786, Randy Coplan - (309) 776-3496, Wayne England - (309) 333-1717, Randy Pittman - (309) 333-1808, Steve Sowers - (309) 776-4701, Chuck Ulrich - (309) 652-3357

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**Faith Fellowship Church** is a non-denominational, Bible-based community of believers, growing in faith, praying together, preaching and teaching God's word, committed to serving others, and reaching the lost with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### OUR SERVICES THIS WEEK

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9:30 am

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP @ 10:30 AM

EVENING SERVICE @ 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING @ 6:00 PM

***ADVENT: YOUR GIFT TO RECEIVE***

**L**ord, may you now let us this year once more approach the light, celebration, and joy of Christmas Day that brings us face to face with the greatest thing there is: your love, with which you so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that all of us may believe in him and therefore not be lost, but may have eternal life.

**W**hat could we possibly bring and give to you? So much darkness in our human relationships and in our own hearts! So many confused thoughts, so much coldness and defiance, so much carelessness and hatred! So much over which you cannot rejoice, that separates us from one another and certainly cannot help us! So much that runs directly against the message of Christmas!

**W**hat should you possibly do with such gifts? And what are you to do with such people as we all are? But all of this is precisely what you want to receive from us and take from us at Christmas —the whole pile of rubbish and ourselves, just as we are—in order to give us in return Jesus, our Savior, and in him a new heaven and a new earth, new hearts and a new desire, new clarity and a new hope for us and for all people.

**B**e among us once again ... Make it so that we may rightly speak, hear, and pray, in proper, thankful amazement about everything that you have in mind for all of us who have believed in Jesus your Son, the things that you have already decided for us and the things that you have already done for us! Amen.

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